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German advisors to the Egyptian Government regard the German Ambassador to Egypt, Gunther Pavekha, as regarded by the Egyptian Government as a puppet of Dr. Wilhelm Voss, chief German advisor. They consider Pavekha inefficient and stupid, and maintain that all the important work at the German Embassy is done by Dr. Voss and his secretary, Joseph Riefentacher. Riefentacher, in particular, works at the German Embassy very often in the evenings.

Source Comment: Riefentacher alleges that Dr. Voss is regarded both here and in Bonn as the real representative of West German interests in Egypt. He is now in Bonn discussing Pavekha and the Egyptian situation and endeavoring to obtain diplomatic status for himself and Riefentacher.

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